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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7792  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 0980

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, ECON, XL, CU, HA  
SUBJECT: CUBAN OUTREACH IN HAITI

REF: STATE 56727

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF STEPPED-UP CUBAN ACTIVITIES TOWARD HAITI IN THE LAST YEAR. ON OCTOBER 27, 1977, HAITI AND CUBA SIGNED A MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT. THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY HOWEVER IS NOT CONSIDERED TO HAVE BROADER IMPLICATIONS BEYOND THE MARITIME SPHERE. IN FACT, THE PRINCIPLE HAITIAN DELEGATE TO THE SIGNING CEREMONY TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT FEELERS PUT OUT BY THE CUBANS CONCERNING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE REJECTED BY THE HAITIANS WHO ARE OPPOSED TO SUCH A MOVE. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOH FAILED TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED IN HAVANA IN OCTOBER TO REPATRIATE ABOUT 200 HAITIAN "SMALL BOAT" REFUGEES RESIDING IN CUBA. WE SURMISE THE REASON FOR THIS FAILURE MAY HAVE BEEN GOH FEARS THAT SOME OF THE REFUGEES MAY HAVE BEEN SUBVERTED DURING THEIR STAY IN CUBA. THUS WHILE THE GOH NO LONGER APPEARS TO HAVE EXAGGERATED FEARS OF CUBAN INVASION IT RETAINS A HEALTHY SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE VALUE OF INCREASED CONTACTS.

2. THE HAITIAN AND CUBAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAMS MET IN THE  
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WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION TOURNEY IN LATE 1976. THE THREE MATCHES, PLAYED IN HAVANA, PORT-AU-PRINCE, AND PANAMA CITY, WERE NOT MARRED BY ANY POLITICAL INCIDENTS AS THE GOH FEARED THEY MIGHT AND THE HAITIAN TEAM ULTIMATELY PREVAILED.

3. RADIO HAVANA CONTINUES TO TRANSMIT PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS TO HAITI IN CREOLE. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE

BROADCASTS ARE EFFECTIVE, THE ANTI-GOH CONTENT IS UNDOUBTEDLY AN IRRITANT.

4. BESIDES THE MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS AND THE RADIO BROADCASTS, THERE HAVE BEEN, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO CUBAN ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS OF A DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, OR CULTURAL NATURE DIRECTED TOWARD HAITI IN THE PAST YEAR.  
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